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TO AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS, (INV 4-654)

REF: (A) STATE 87550, (B) PORT MORESBY 511, (C) PORT
MORESBY 533.

1. AMCONSUL REQUESTED TO CONTACT MAX DOWNES, PNG CHIEF
WILDLIFE SECTION, DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND
FISHERIES. ADVISE HIM OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS
REQUESTED REF (B) AND REF (C).

2. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS INVESTIGATING A
SERIES OF IMPORTATIONS OF REPTILES WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO
HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY EXPORTED FROM PNG. SUBJECTS KNOWN TO
BE INVOLVED ARE EDWARD ALLEN, RUDY KOMAREK, AND HENRY MOLT,
ALL U.S. RESIDENTS. IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME IF ANY RES-
IDENTS OF PNG ARE INVOLVED. FULL DETAILS WITH SUPPORTING

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DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO PNG AS SOON AS THESE CAN BE

COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS FIELD STATIONS WITHIN U.S.

3. THE INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 2 AND PARA 3 REF (C) AND REF (B) IS AS FOLLOWS BASED UPON CONSULTATION FROM SPECIAL AGENT PAUL GLADDIS. THE USFWS REQUESTS CERTIFIED COPIES

OF ALL APPROVED FAUNA EXPORT PERMITS ISSUED BY PNG FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE VERTEBRATE WILDLIFE FROM PNG TO THE US BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1971 AND DECEMBER 31, 1974. IF THIS WOULD REQUIRE EXCESSIVE TIME AND MANPOWER ON THE PART OF DOWNES STAFF, SUGGEST REQUEST BE LIMITED TO PERMITS ISSUED FOR EXPORT OF LIVE REPTILES. IF THIS WOULD STILL CREATE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON PNG SUGGEST A LIST OF APPROVED PERMITS MAY SUFFICE.

4. AMCONSUL IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE DOWNES THAT WAYNE KING OF THE NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY SUBMITTED HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER TO PNG ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN AND WAS NOT REPEAT NOT ACTING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE USFWS NOR ANY OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT AMCONSUL TREAT DR. KING'S REQUEST AS IT WOULD THAT OF ANY OTHER PRIVATE US CITIZEN.

5. AMCONSUL FURTHER REQUESTED TO ADVISE DOWNES THAT USFWS IS CURRENTLY ASSEMBLING ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE RELATIVE TO WILDLIFE TRAFFIC BETWEEN PNG AND US. AS SOON AS THIS DATA IS COLLECTED IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMCONSUL FOR DELIVERY FOR DOWNES. PLEASE ADVISE DOWNES THAT USFWS IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF COOPERATION AND RESPONSIVENESS ON THE PART OF PNG AND USFWS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE EQUALLY RESPONSIVE IN THE FUTURE.

6. IN REPLY PLEASE TO T. L. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C., WHO WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES TO SPECIAL AGENT GLADDIS AND OTHER FIELD STATIONS INVOLVED. KISSINGER

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